

AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT[21]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 175B.5, the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship hereby amends Chapter 50, “Women, Infants, and Children/Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program and Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments allow participants in the Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program to purchase locally produced, unpasteurized, pure honey. This change is authorized by the federal Farm Bill.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 7867B** on June 17, 2009.

The description of honey was refined from the Noticed document by changing “locally grown, raw honey” to “locally produced, unpasteurized, pure honey.”

No comments were received from the public.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 175B.3.

These amendments will become effective December 23, 2009.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **21—50.3(159)**, definition of “Eligible foods,” as follows:

“*Eligible foods*” means fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs for human consumption. Eligible foods may not be processed or prepared beyond their natural state except for usual harvesting and cleaning processes. Locally produced, unpasteurized, pure honey is an eligible food only for the recipients of SFMNP benefits.

ITEM 2. Amend rule **21—50.3(159)**, definition of “Fresh produce,” as follows:

“*Fresh produce*” means fruits and vegetables that have not been processed in any manner. This term does not include such items as dried fruits and vegetables, potted or dried herbs, wild rice, nuts of any kind including raw nuts, popcorn, fruit or vegetable plants/seedlings, dried beans/peas, seeds/grains, flowers, ~~honey~~, maple syrup, cider, eggs, meat, cheese, and seafood.

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